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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

Docket No. B-5876PCT 623210-0

International Application No.:
PCT/JP2004/010619Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US:
Hitoshi TSUNASHIMA, et al.International Filing Date:
26 July 2004**Title of Invention:****"IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM IN WHICH IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM IS RECORDED"**Priority Date Claimed:
24 July 2003**10/565714**
U.S. Application No.
(if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)
NOT YET ASSIGNEDApplicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The U.S. Has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☒ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☒ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet with check for \$40.00 in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT rule 13ter.2 and 37CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information: unsigned Declaration/Power of Attorney (5 pages), Claim to Priority (1 page), copy of PCT Request (5 pages), copy of International Search Report (4 pages), copy of Written Opinion (3 pages), copy of Form PCT/IB/304 (1 page), copy of Article 19 Amendment (3 pages), copy of Chapter II Demand (4 pages), copy of Article 34 Amendment (3 pages), copy of first and second Forms PCT/IB/308 (2 pages), and copy of IPER with Annexes (9 pages)

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21. [X] Basic national fee.....\$ 300.00 = \$ 300.00

22. [X] Examination fee

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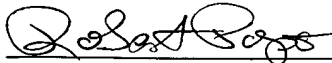
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- check no. 21128 for \$900.00
- Transmittal Letter (2 pages)
- Preliminary Amendment (6 pages) with English-language translations of Article 34 amendment (3 pages) and Article 19 amendment (3 pages)
- copy of English-language translation of PCT International Application as filed consisting of:
 - Specification (14 pages)
 - Claims (2 pages)
 - Abstract (1 page)
 - 8 sheets of Drawings (Figs. 1-8)
- unsigned Declaration/Power of Attorney (5 pages)
- Claim to Priority (1 page)
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